LASC - Certificate in Latin American Studies

LASC148 Special Topics in Latin American Studies (3 Credits)
Topics to be announced when offered.

LASC234 Issues in Latin American Studies I (3 Credits)
Interdisciplinary study of major issues in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Latin America’s cultural mosaic, migration and urbanization. Democratization and the role of religions. Taught in English. Also offered as SPAN234, PORT234.
Credit Only Granted for: LASC234, PORT234, or SPAN234.

LASC235 Issues in Latin American Studies II (3 Credits)
Major issues shaping Latin American and Caribbean societies including the changing constructions of race, ethnicity, gender and class as well as expressions of popular cultures and revolutionary practices. A continuation of LASC/PORT/SPAN234, but completion of 234 is not a prerequisite. Taught in English. Also offered as: SPAN235, PORT235.
Credit Only Granted for: LASC235, PORT235, or SPAN235.

LASC248 Special Topics in Latin American Studies (3 Credits)
Topics to be announced when offered.

LASC250 History of Colonial Latin America (3 Credits)
Introductory survey of the history of Latin America from pre-Columbian Indian cultures to the beginning of the wars for independence (ca. 1810), covering cultural, political, social, and economic developments. Major themes include conquest, colonialism, indigenous culture, African slavery, religion, race and ethnicity, and gender ideologies. Also offered as: HIST250.
Credit Only Granted for: LASC250 or HIST250.

LASC251 Latin America Since Independence (3 Credits)
Introductory survey of the history of Latin America from the era of independence (c. 1810-1825) through the early 1980s. Major themes include independence and sovereignty, postcolonialism and neocolonialism, nation-state building, liberalism, citizenship, economic development and modernization, social organization and stratification, race and ethnicity, gender relations, identity politics, reform and revolution, authoritarianism and democratization, and inter-American relations. Also offered as: HIST251.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST251 or LASC251.

LASC269 Special Topics in Study Abroad II (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

LASC286 Internship in Latin American/Caribbean Studies (1-6 Credits)
Internship experience with an organization that works with or studies Latin American and/or the Caribbean. This is an experiential learning course that provides semester-long training that enriches the student’s academic field of study and the LASC Certificate. Students submit a final written report of how the experience ties into their major field of study.
Prerequisite: LASC234, SPAN234, LASC235, SPAN235, LASC250, HIST250, LASC251, or HIST251; and permission of Latin American Studies Center required.
Restriction: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; and cannot have more than 60 credits total.

Additional Information: The course is primarily intended for students seeking the Certificate in Latin American Studies, but exceptions will be considered for students with educational or career interests which lie in this area. Student internships must be approved by the Director and students must secure an appropriate faculty mentor to supervise the internship course.

LASC348 Special Topics in Latin American Studies (3 Credits)
Topics to be announced when offered.

LASC369 Special Topics in Study Abroad III (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

LASC448 Special Topics in Latin American Studies (3 Credits)
Topics to be announced when offered.

LASC458 Senior Capstone Course in Latin American Studies (3 Credits)
Capstone course for advanced students in the Latin American Studies Certificate Program or other students with appropriate preparation. Interdisciplinary topics will vary each semester.
Prerequisite: LASC234 and LASC235; or permission of ARHU-School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department.
Restriction: Must be in Latin American Studies Certificate program; and senior standing.

LASC486 Internship in Latin American/Caribbean Studies (1-6 Credits)
Internship experience with an organization that works with or studies Latin American and/or the Caribbean. This is an experiential learning course that provides semester-long training that enriches the student’s academic field of study and the LASC Certificate. Students submit a final written report of their experience, including critical analysis of the institutional relevance to their major field of study and to Latin American Studies. Students will also be asked to give an oral presentation.
Prerequisite: Student must have completed at least two LASC courses, one of which must be a required/core course (LASC/SPAN234, LASC/SPAN235, LASC/HIST250, or LASC/HIST251); and permission of Latin American Studies Center required.
Restriction: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; and must have earned a minimum of 60 credits.

Additional Information: The course is primarily intended for students seeking the Certificate in Latin American Studies, but exceptions will be considered for students with educational or career interests which lie in this area. Student internships must be approved by the Director, and students must secure an appropriate faculty mentor for the internship course. An internship course will be approved only if a faculty supervisor is available.

LASC499 Independent Study in Latin American Studies (1-3 Credits)
Independent Study in Latin American Studies.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.